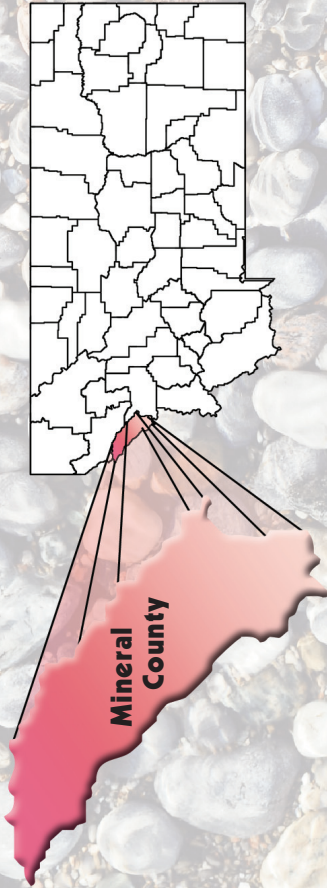


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Demographic & Economic Information for Mineral County



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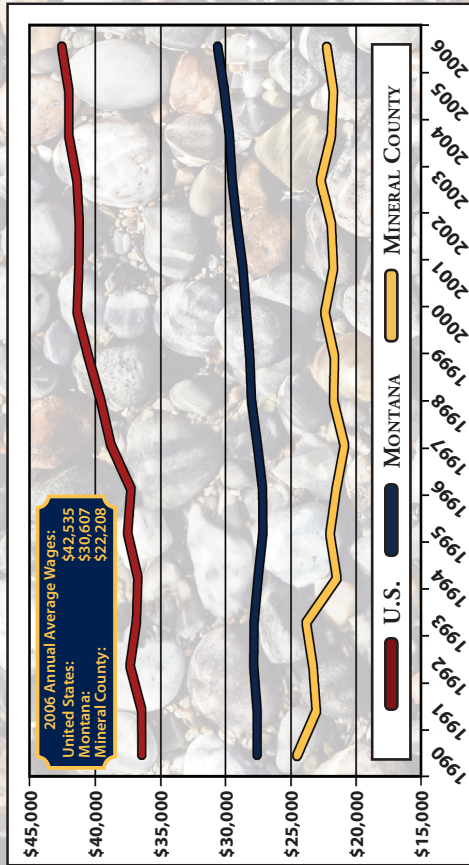
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Annual Average Labor Force - Mineral County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2006	1,994	1,905	89	4.5%
2005	1,931	1,826	105	5.4%
2004	1,907	1,797	110	5.8%
2003	1,874	1,749	125	6.7%
2002	1,898	1,768	130	6.8%
2001	1,989	1,863	126	6.3%
2000	1,888	1,767	121	6.4%

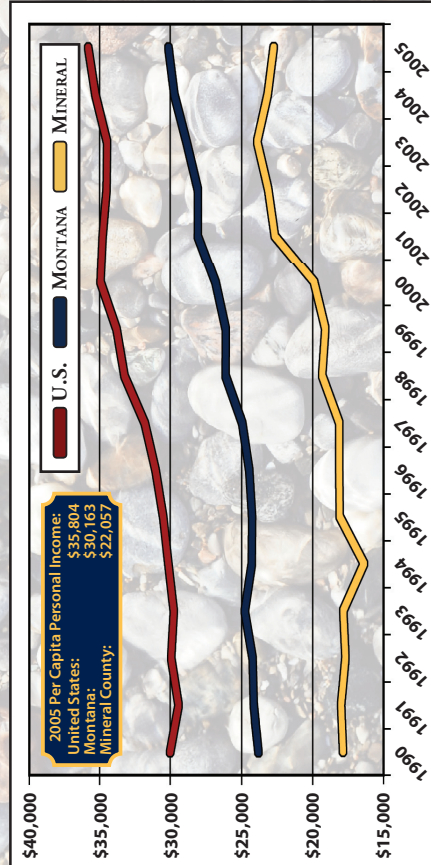
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2006 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2005 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

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MINERAL COUNTY

Mineral County is Montana's thirty-eighth most populous county, with an estimated 4,057 residents as of July 1st, 2006. Superior, the county seat, is the state's 60th largest town, with a population estimated at 916 in 2006.¹ Other towns in Mineral County include Alberton, De Borgia, Haugan, St. Regis, and Saltese.

Located in western Montana, Mineral County is bordered by the Bitterroot Mountains and Idaho on the west, by Sanders County to the north, and by Missoula County to the east. Interstate 90 runs through the length of the county, repeatedly crossing over the winding Clark Fork River most of the way.

The terrain of Mineral County is mountainous and heavily forested, with the vast majority of the land area lying within the Lolo National Forest. As such, Mineral County affords abundant outdoor recreation opportunities including hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, biking, skiing, snowmobiling, and whitewater rafting.²

¹U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

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Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006 (continued)

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Support activities for transportation	1	*	*
INFORMATION	1	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	4	18	\$19,478
Credit intermediation & related activity	3	*	*
Insurance carriers & related activities	1	*	*
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	4	3	\$11,819
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	5	8	\$41,915
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	6	18	\$20,085
Administrative and support services	4	*	*
Waste management and remediation service	2	*	*
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	1	*	*
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	16	125	\$20,554
Ambulatory health care services	6	*	*
Hospitals	1	*	*
Social assistance	9	21	\$6,352
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	6	27	\$11,201
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	22	163	\$9,216
Accommodation	5	41	\$10,367
Food services and drinking places	17	122	\$8,834
OTHER SERVICES	6	6	\$10,400
Repair and maintenance	3	*	*
Personal and laundry services	2	*	*
Private households	1	*	*
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	16	324	\$30,414
Local Government	7	222	\$25,299
State Government	5	51	\$38,480
Federal Government	4	51	\$44,478

The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	152	1,229	\$22,200
TOTAL PRIVATE	136	905	\$19,261
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	8	16	\$22,708
Animal production	1	*	*
Forestry and logging	6	11	\$17,409
Agriculture & forestry support	1	*	*
UTILITIES	2	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	25	73	\$29,730
Construction of buildings	13	22	\$24,469
Heavy and civil engineering construction	4	15	\$36,953
Specialty trade contractors	9	36	\$29,980
MANUFACTURING	9	190	\$27,276
Wood product manufacturing	4	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	1	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	1	*	*
Machinery manufacturing	1	*	*
Miscellaneous manufacturing	2	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	19	244	\$15,162
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	2	*	*
Building material & garden supply stores	2	*	*
Food and beverage stores	2	*	*
Health and personal care stores	2	*	*
Gasoline stations	6	100	\$12,610
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	1	*	*
General merchandise stores	1	*	*
Miscellaneous store retailers	3	*	*
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	3	9	\$25,577
Truck transportation	2	*	*

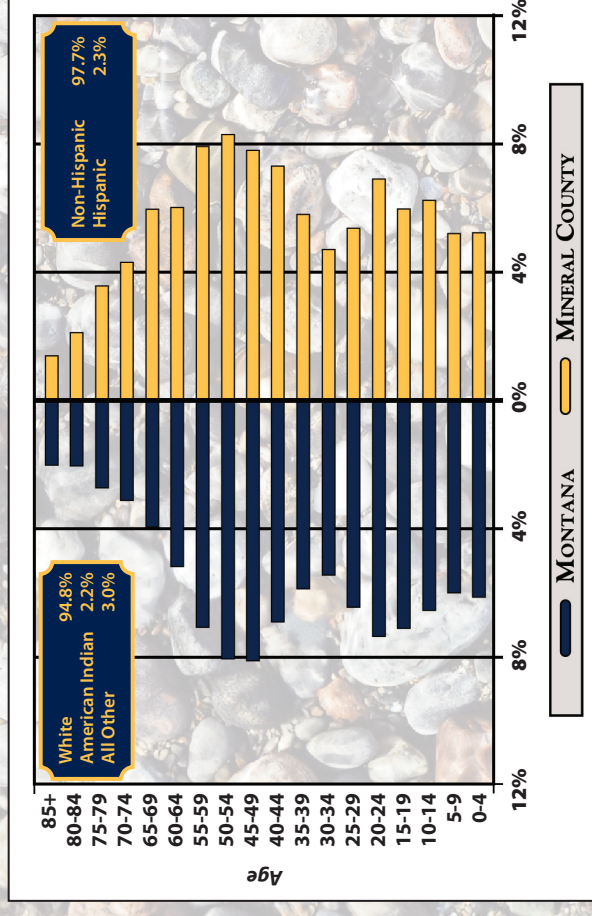
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)
* Data Not Disclosable

Population for Mineral County & Related Areas

Geography	% Change 2000-2006	Population Estimates							Census
		July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2000	April 1, 2000
Mineral County	4.5%	4,057	4,033	3,880	3,870	3,815	3,848	3,883	3,884
Alberton town	17.1%	438	425	404	393	378	382	376	374
Superior town	2.6%	916	914	882	883	873	881	892	893
Balance of Mineral County	3.3%	2,703	2,694	2,594	2,594	2,564	2,585	2,615	2,617

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Mineral County, 2006



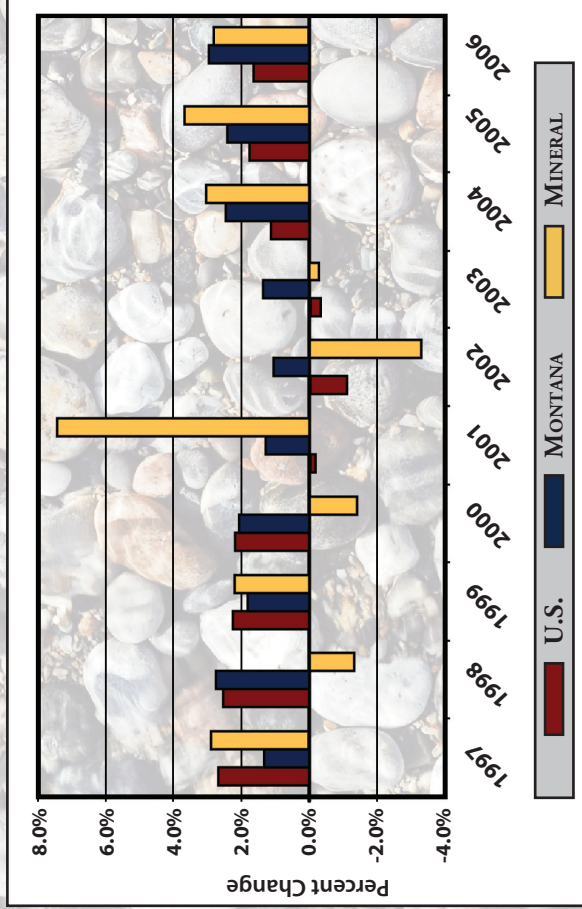
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 Population Estimates

Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Mineral County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	16.8%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	43.7%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	24.1%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	3.0%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	9.3%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	2.0%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	0.7%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.3%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Percent Change in Employment: 1997 to 2006 U.S., Montana, and Mineral County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top 10 Private Employers in Mineral County (Based on 2nd Quarter 2007 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Durango's Restaurant	4	St. Regis Travel Center	5
Jasper's Restaurant	4	Super 8 Motel	3
Lincoln's Silver Dollar Bar	5	Town Pump	3
Mineral Community Hospital	5	Tricon Timber	6
Mountain West Bark Products	4	Westgate Superior	4

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees, Class 2 = 5 to 19 employees, Class 1 = 1 to 9 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW). This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance, Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Mineral County

Farms	
Farms: (number)	85
Land in farms (acres)	16,277
Average size of farms (acres)	191
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	82
1,000 acres or more	3
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	0
\$100,000 or more	0
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	80
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	5

Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested

Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	938
Hogs and pigs	0
Sheep and lambs	71
Horses and ponies	375
Bison	(D)
Chickens (layers and broilers)	39
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	0
Corn for silage or greenchop	0
Wheat for grain, All	(D)
Winter wheat for grain	0
Durum wheat for grain	0
Spring wheat for grain	(D)
Barley for grain	(D)
Oats for grain	(D)
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	0
Hay, hayslage, grass silage	2,502

Operator Demographics

Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	35
Other	50
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	76
Not on farm operated	9
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	34
10 years or more	51
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	49
55 years and over	36
Average age of operators: (number)	55.0

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002
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